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Administrative and financial implications arising from the report of the Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board

Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The report of the Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board to the Assembly (A/60/183) contains the overall administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund which have financial implications for the budget of the United Nations. In accordance with the purpose of rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the present report identifies financial implications that would arise for the regular budget should the Assembly adopt the recommendations submitted to it in the report of the Standing Committee.

The additional appropriation that would be required under the regular budget for the biennium 2006-2007, arising from the recommendations of the Standing Committee and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/60/7/Add.7) is estimated at $1,079,000, after recosting.

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I. Introduction

1. In the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007, provisions are made under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination (A/60/6 (Sect. 1)), for the participation of the United Nations in the costs of the secretariat of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund.

2. In paragraph 1.31 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007, it has been indicated that at the time of the preparation of the programme budget proposals, the 2006-2007 administrative budget of the Fund had not yet been finalized and, when finalized, it would still be subject to review by its Standing Committee and the General Assembly; and that implications for the regular budget, if any, of action to be taken by the Standing Committee and the decision by the Assembly in connection with the 2006-2007 budget of the fund would be the subject of a statement of programme budget implications that would be submitted to the Assembly during its consideration of the report of the Standing Committee.

3. In paragraph 1.28 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007, it is indicated that the estimated requirements of $8,765,100 ($9,208,800 at 2006-2007 rates) relate to the share of the regular budget in the expenses of the central secretariat of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, excluding reimbursements anticipated from United Nations funds and programmes (the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)).

II. Implications for the United Nations of the report of the Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

4. The report of the Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board (A/60/183) was issued in response to the proposals by the Chief Executive Officer of the Fund/Secretary of the Board. Based on the report of the Committee, the overall requirements amounting to $16,584,300 (at 2006-2007 rates) represent the United Nations share in the administrative and audit costs related to the Fund.

5. Based on the recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/60/7/Add.7), the revised overall requirements relating to the United Nations would amount to $16,539,800 (at 2006-2007 rates).

6. In accordance with established procedures, this revised overall amount would be shared among the regular budget of the United Nations and the funds and programmes. As reflected in paragraph 1.28 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007, the distribution would require that an estimated 65 per cent of that amount would be attributable to the regular budget, with the balance to be reimbursed by the funds and programmes. However, based on the latest data on the number of participants in the Fund against which the percentage is derived, the above percentage would need to be revised to 62.2 per cent.

7. In applying the revised distribution rate of 62.2 per cent to the revised overall requirements of $16,539,800, an amount of $10,287,800 (at 2006-2007 rates) would

represent the revised regular budget share as compared to $9,208,800 (at 2006-2007 rates) already included under section 1 of the proposed programme budget. In this connection, an additional requirement in the amount of $1,079,000, reflecting the difference between the previously budgeted amount of the regular budget share and the revised requirements, would need to be included under section 1 of the proposed programme budget for 2006-2007.

III. Action required from the General Assembly

8. **Should the General Assembly approve the recommendations of the Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board and the relevant recommendations of the Advisory Committee, the revised overall requirements that would arise for the United Nations are estimated at $16,539,800 (at 2006-2007 rates). Of the total requirements for the biennium 2006-2007, the cost to the regular budget would amount to $10,287,800 and the balance of $6,252,000 would be reimbursed to the United Nations by UNDP, UNFPA and UNICEF.**

9. **Accordingly, should the General Assembly endorse the above recommendations, an additional appropriation of $1,079,000 would be required under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007. The provision would represent a charge against the contingency fund.**

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Letter dated 9 December 2005 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee

At its sixtieth plenary meeting, on 1 December 2005, the General Assembly was informed that the report of the Secretary-General (A/60/568) entitled "Implementation of decisions from the 2005 World Summit Outcome for action by the Secretary-General: ethics office; comprehensive review of governance arrangements, including an independent external evaluation of the auditing and oversight system; and the independent audit advisory committee" would be considered in informal consultations of the plenary, on Tuesday, 6 December 2005, under the two co-Chairs in charge of Secretariat and management reform, namely, Mr. Munir Akram (Pakistan) and Mr. Allan Rock (Canada).

Informal consultations on the report of the Secretary-General were held on 6 and 9 December 2005 under the chairmanship of the two co-Chairs.

At the conclusion of the informal meeting on 9 December, the co-Chairs stated:

> Emerging from our discussions on 6 December and today, there is a strong agreement among Member States that there is a need for comprehensive reform in the Organization. There is also agreement regarding the urgency of this process and a need to show momentum. This can be achieved both here and in the Fifth Committee.
>
> On the three proposals outlined in the Secretary-General's document:
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> First, while there were several comments on the details of the ethics office, there is agreement on the decision to create the ethics office. This proposal has also been considered by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and will be finalized in the context of the budget process.

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Second, there is recognition that the independent external review will take place, though some work remains on the details of the terms of reference for that review and other details.

Third, questions regarding the desirability of creating the independent audit advisory committee prior to the completion of the independent external review were raised.

In all three cases, but particularly the last two, there is some technical work that needs to be done at the expert level. As such we have requested that the Secretary-General submit the document to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

We also intend to suggest to the President of the General Assembly that he advise the Chairman of the Fifth Committee to request that the Committee undertake the necessary deliberations on the Secretary-General's proposals on an expedited basis, and that recommendations be brought to the attention of the plenary by 19 December, so that the plenary can take the necessary decisions on all three proposals before the holidays.

Accordingly, the report of the Secretary-General is hereby being transmitted for consideration by the Fifth Committee, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

I request that the recommendations of the Fifth Committee be transmitted to the plenary by 19 December 2005.

(*Signed*) Jan **Eliasson**

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Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance to the United Nations

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/60/L.34 and its amendment (A/60/L.35)

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

I. Request contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraph 5 of draft resolution A/60/L.34 and its amendment (A/60/L.35), the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to establish, within existing resources, a programme of outreach entitled "The Rwanda Genocide and the United Nations" as well as measures to mobilize civil society for Rwanda genocide victim remembrance and education in order to help prevent future acts of genocide, and to report to the General Assembly on the establishment of that programme within six months from the date of the adoption of the resolution.

II. Relationship of the request to the programme of work for the biennium 2006-2007

2. The activities referred to above relate to programme 23, Public information, of the biennial programme plan for the period 2006-2007, and fall under section 27, Public information, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007.

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III. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

3. Pursuant to operative paragraph 5 of draft resolution A/60/L.34, the Department of Public Information would establish a programme of outreach activities entitled "The Rwanda Genocide and the United Nations". The programme would include the running of two outreach campaigns, one in 2006 and one in 2007, both of which would require the preparation and dissemination of information materials for use by media and NGOs, as well as liaison with the media and the mobilization of civil society, as requested in the resolution. The United Nations Information Centres would implement the activities in support of the campaign's communications goals, both nationally and subregionally in Africa.

IV. Estimates of additional resource requirements

4. The Department would require additional resources for one Professional (P-3) and one General Service staff position, for six months each under general temporary assistance, to undertake research and writing of print materials; preparation of content for a new website; production and translation of print materials; and technical work designing, creating and updating a new website. For the United Nations Information Centres to undertake liaison with the media and outreach to NGOs, there would also be requirements for production costs associated with the dissemination of information by the Centres, and supplies, materials and services for printing the above information in the field in local languages.

5. Accordingly, the total additional requirements are estimated at $196,200. The details of these requirements are as follows:

(United States dollars)

Other personnel related costs	74 200
Official travel	10 000
Production costs	100 000
Supplies and miscellaneous services	12 000
Total	**196 200**

V. Potential for absorption

6. No provision has been made under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 in relation to the activities that would be requested under operative paragraph 5 of the draft resolution and its amendment. At the current stage, it is not possible to identify activities within section 27, Public information, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during the biennium. Consequently, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/60/L.34 and its amendment (A/60/L.35), additional requirements would arise under section 27, Public information, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007.

VI. Contingency fund

7. It will be recalled that, under the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/213, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the approved or proposed programme budget. Under the same procedure, if additional expenditures are proposed that exceed the resources available from the contingency fund, the activities concerned can be implemented only through the redeployment of resources from low-priority areas or the modifications of existing activities. Otherwise, such additional activities must be deferred to a later biennium.

VII. Summary

8. **Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/60/L.34 and its amendment (A/60/L.35), additional resources in the amount of $196,200 would be required under section 27, Public information, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007. This would represent a charge against the contingency fund and, as such, would require appropriation for the biennium 2006-2007.**

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Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.28 as revised

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

1. At its 39th meeting, on 10 November 2005, the Third Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.28, as orally revised. The Committee had before it the programme budget implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/60/L.58.

2. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 4, 5, 6, 8 and 11 of draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.28, the General Assembly would:

(a) Decide that the Ad Hoc Committee should hold, within existing resources, prior to the sixty-first session of the General Assembly, two sessions in 2006, one of 15 working days from 16 January to 3 February, in order to achieve a complete reading of the draft text of a convention prepared by the Chairman of the Committee, and one of 10 working days from 7 to 18 August;

(b) Underline the importance of further strengthening cooperation and coordination between the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat in order to provide technical support to the work of the Committee, and invite them to provide, in advance of the meetings of the Committee, background

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documentation to assist Member States and observers in the negotiation of a draft convention and to organize, in close connection and timing with the meetings and venue of the Committee, meetings of experts and seminars in relation to the draft convention, within existing resources;

(c) Request the Secretary-General to continue to provide the Committee with the facilities necessary for the performance of its work, and in that context invite the Secretary-General to reallocate resources to the United Nations Programme on Disability so as to provide support to the negotiations on a draft convention;

(d) Request the Secretary-General to explore and implement innovative measures, within existing resources and in consultation with organizations of persons with disabilities and the Bureau of the Committee, for the provision of selected documents of the Committee in formats accessible to participants with visual and hearing disabilities;

(e) Request the Secretary-General to disseminate widely to non-governmental organizations all available information on accreditation procedures, modalities and supportive measures for their participation in the work of the Committee, as well as the criteria for the financial assistance that is available through the voluntary fund.

3. In accordance with operative paragraph 4 of the draft resolution, the Committee would hold its seventh session for 15 working days in New York from 16 January to 3 February 2006 and its eighth session for 10 working days from 7 to 18 August 2006. During each session, two meetings would be held per day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, with interpretation services in all six languages. Documentation requirements for the seventh session are estimated at 70 pages of pre-session, 3 pages of in-session and 75 pages of post-session documentation; for the eighth session, requirements are estimated at 2 pages of pre-session, 50 pages of in-session and 100 pages of post-session documentation, to be issued in all six languages.

4. Servicing of the Committee has been included in the draft calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for 2006,[1] which has been submitted to the General Assembly for approval. The two sessions proposed for 2006 would comprise 50 meetings, that is, 10 meetings more than the number held by the Committee in 2005. The total number of pages of documentation for the seventh and eighth sessions is estimated at 300 pages, which is 250 pages less than the total documentation requirements in 2005.

5. The 15 working days for the seventh session called for in the draft resolution would require an additional week for the seventh session of the Committee over the estimates included in the draft calendar of conferences and meetings. Therefore, the adoption of the draft resolution gives rise to conference-servicing costs for the additional week of meetings of the seventh session of the Committee estimated at $118,400.

6. In connection with the phrases "within existing resources" and "reallocate resources" as mentioned in paragraphs 2 (b), (c) and (d) above, the attention of the Third Committee was drawn to the provision of section VI, of General Assembly

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 32* (A/60/32), annex B.

resolution 48/248 B, in which the Assembly reaffirmed that the Fifth Committee was the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters, and also reaffirmed the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

7. Provision has been made in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 for substantive servicing of the Ad Hoc Committee. It is expected that an additional daily subsistence allowance in the amount of $29,000 would be required to provide for the attendance of 15 participants at the Committee meeting in New York, which will be funded through voluntary contributions. With regard to the organization of meetings of experts and seminars in relation to the draft convention, it is also anticipated that the associated costs would be funded through voluntary contributions.

8. It will be recalled that, under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211 a contingency fund is to be established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the programme budget. Under this procedure, if additional expenditures were proposed that exceeded the resources available from the contingency fund, the activities concerned would be implemented only through the redeployment of resources from low-priority areas or modification of existing activities. Otherwise, such additional activities would have to be deferred to a later biennium.

9. Additional provisions of $118,400 (representing $111,400 for section 2 and $7,000 for section 28D of the proposed programme budget) would be required over and above the resources initially proposed for the biennium 2006-2007, for servicing of the additional week of meetings of the seventh session of the Ad Hoc Committee. It is not possible at this stage to identify activities within sections 2 and 28D of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during the biennium to meet the total additional requirement of $118,400. This would represent a charge against the contingency fund and, as such, would require appropriations for the biennium 2006-2007 to be approved by the General Assembly at its sixtieth session.

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Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields

Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit

The Peacebuilding Commission

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/60/L.40

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

I. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraph 1 of draft resolution A/60/L.40, the General Assembly would decide, acting concurrently with the Security Council, in accordance with articles 7, 22 and 29 of the Charter of the United Nations, with a view to operationalizing the decision by the World Summit, to establish the Peacebuilding Commission as an intergovernmental advisory body. By operative paragraphs 2 to 22 of the draft resolution, the Assembly would also decide on the functions, composition and procedures of the Peacebuilding Commission.

2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 23, the General Assembly would reaffirm its request to the Secretary-General to establish, within the Secretariat, from within the existing resources, a small peacebuilding support office staffed by qualified experts to assist and support the Peacebuilding Commission and would recognize in that regard that such support could include gathering and analysing information relating to the availability of financial resources, relevant United Nations in-country planning activities, progress towards meeting short and medium-term recovery goals and best practices with respect to cross-cutting peacebuilding issues.

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II. Programmatic and resource implications

3. As regards the conference-servicing of the Peacebuilding Commission during the biennium 2006-2007, it is estimated that additional resources in the amount of $2,181,600 would be required under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007.

4. The estimated costs of the establishment and the functioning of the peacebuilding support office for the biennium 2006-2007 amount to $4,175,200, under section 3, Political affairs, and $645,600 under section 35, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

5. Detailed information on the programmatic and resource implications on the above two components pertaining to the Peacebuilding Commission are presented in paragraphs 19, and 40 to 43, respectively, of the report of the Secretary-General containing revised estimates to sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 related to the 2005 World Summit Outcome (A/60/537).

III. Summary

6. **Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/60/L.40, additional resource requirements amounting to $7,002,400 would arise under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management ($2,181,600), section 3, Political affairs ($4,175,200), and section 35, Staff assessment ($645,600), to be offset by the same amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment. These provisions have been included in the report on the 2005 World Summit Outcome: revised estimates to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 (A/60/537), which is currently under consideration by the General Assembly.**

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Globalization and interdependence: international migration and development

International migration and development

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.62 as orally revised

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

Introduction

1. At its 38th meeting, on 16 December 2005, the Second Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.62 as orally revised. The Committee had before it a statement of the programme budget implications of the draft resolution (A/C.2/60/L.70) and also considered an oral statement of programme budget implications provided in response to the oral amendment to the draft resolution.

Requests contained in the draft resolution

2. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 1, 7, 9, 11, 15 and 18 of draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.62 as orally revised, the General Assembly would:

(a) Decide that the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development would be held in New York on 14 and 15 September 2006 and also that the High-level Dialogue would discuss the overall theme of the multidimensional aspects of international migration and development in order to identify appropriate ways and means to maximize its development benefits and minimize its negative impacts;

(b) Decide that the High-level Dialogue would consist of four plenary meetings and four round tables, within existing resources;

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(c) Decide that the round tables would be open to all Member States, the Holy See, in its capacity as observer State, and Palestine, in its capacity as observer, and representatives of relevant entities of the United Nations system, including its relevant special rapporteurs, and the International Organization for Migration, as well as to other relevant regional and international intergovernmental organizations that have observer status, and also decide that the round tables would be organized as follows:

(i) The first set of two interactive round tables would be held concurrently in the afternoon of the first day of the High-level Dialogue;

(ii) The second set of two interactive round tables would be held concurrently in the morning of the second day of the High-level Dialogue;

(iii) Summaries of the deliberations of the four round-table sessions would be presented orally by the chairpersons of the round-table sessions during the concluding plenary meeting of the High-level Dialogue;

(d) Decide to hold, within existing resources, one-day informal interactive hearings in 2006 with representatives of non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations and the private sector, to be presided over by the President of the General Assembly, and request the President of the Assembly to prepare a summary of the hearings prior to the High-level Dialogue in September 2006;

(e) Request the Secretary-General, within existing resources, to prepare a comprehensive overview of studies and analyses on the multidimensional aspects of migration and development, including the effects of migration on economic and social development in developed and developing countries, and on the effects of the movements of highly skilled migrant workers and those with advanced education;

(f) Invite the President of the General Assembly, within existing resources, in consultation with Member States and with the assistance of the Secretariat, to organize prior to the High-level Dialogue up to two panel discussions with a focus on its overall theme.

Activities by which the proposals would be implemented

3. Pursuant to operative paragraph 1 of draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.62, as orally revised, the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development of the General Assembly would be held for two days, on 14 and 15 September 2006, with two meetings per day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, and with interpretation services in all six languages. Documentation requirements for the High-level Dialogue are estimated at 32 pages of pre-session and 16 pages of post-session documentation to be issued in all six languages. Verbatim records would be provided in all six languages in accordance with the entitlement of the General Assembly to conference services. The associated costs for meeting servicing and interpretation, pre- and post-session documentation and verbatim records are estimated at $276,000. Costs for common support services are estimated at $10,400.

4. In accordance with operative paragraphs 7 and 9 of the draft resolution, the four round tables, consisting of a first set of two interactive round tables to be held concurrently in the afternoon of the first day and the second set of two interactive round tables to be held concurrently in the morning of the second day, would not

require additional documentation. Meeting servicing and interpretation would, however, be provided at an estimated cost of $44,800, and associated costs for common support services are expected to be about $10,400.

5. Pursuant to operative paragraph 11 of the draft resolution, it is envisaged that one-day informal interactive hearings would be held with two meetings, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, with interpretation services provided in all six languages. There would be no pre-session or in-session documentation requirements. The post-session documentation requirements are estimated at 16 pages, to be issued in all six languages. The associated costs for meeting servicing, interpretation and post-session documentation are estimated at $53,200, and costs for common support services are expected to be about $5,200.

6. In regard to operative paragraph 18 of the draft resolution, it is estimated that meeting services and interpretation services in all six languages for up to two panel discussions would cost $21,900, and common support services are estimated at $5,200. There would be no documentation requirements for the panel discussions.

Additional requirements for the biennium 2006-2007

7. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.62 as orally revised, the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development, the round tables, the panel discussions and the interactive hearings would constitute an addition to the draft calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for 2006, which the Committee on Conferences has submitted to the General Assembly for approval.[1] Since the High-level Dialogue would be held during plenary meetings of the General Assembly, estimated resources of $276,000 and $10,400 for servicing the meetings would be met from the entitlements of the General Assembly under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 28D, Office of Central Support Services, respectively, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007.

8. The Secretariat understands that the interactive hearings and the panel discussions would be held when the General Assembly and its working groups are not meeting. The exact dates for the informal interactive hearings in July 2006 and the two panel discussions in early September will therefore be determined in consultation between the substantive secretariat and the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, subject to the programme of work of the General Assembly. The informal interactive hearings and the panel discussions would be serviced from within the conference-servicing entitlements of the Assembly; hence, the meeting-servicing, interpretation requirements and 16 pages of post-session documentation of the hearings, estimated at $53,200, and the meeting-servicing and interpretation requirements of the panel discussions, estimated at $21,900, would be absorbed within the provisions proposed under section 2 of the budget for the biennium 2006-2007. Similarly, the estimates of $5,200 for common support services for each activity would be absorbed within the provisions to be made available under section 28D, Office of Central Support Services, of the proposed programme budget.

9. Following a review of the proposed programme of work under section 2, it is considered that requirements for the four round tables, also constituting an addition to the calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for 2006, would

extend beyond the absorptive capacity of provisions under section 2 for the biennium, hence, additional resources of $44,800 would be required for conference services. Additional resources of $10,400 would also be required under section 28D for the biennium.

10. In the statement on the budget implications of the oral amendment to draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.62, the Second Committee was informed that the phrase "within existing resources" in operative paragraph 7 did not alter the Secretariat's position that the services requested to implement the resolution would constitute an addition to the proposed programme of work under sections 2 and 28D. In this regard, with respect to operative paragraphs 11, 15 and 18 of draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.62, the Committee's attention was again drawn to section VI of General Assembly resolution 45/248 B, in which the Assembly reaffirmed that the Fifth Committee was the appropriate Main Committee entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters and also reaffirmed the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (see A/C.2/60/L.70).

Contingency fund

11. It will be recalled that, under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and 42/211 of 21 December 1987, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the programme budget. Under this procedure, if additional expenditures were proposed that exceeded the resources available from the contingency fund, the activities concerned would be implemented only through the redeployment of resources from low-priority areas or modification of existing activities. Otherwise, such additional activities would have to be deferred to a later biennium.

Conclusion

12. **Should draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.62, as orally revised, be adopted by the General Assembly, additional provisions of $55,200 (representing $44,800 under section 2 and $10,400 under section 28D) over and above the resources initially proposed for the biennium 2006-2007 would be required for the holding of four round tables. It is not possible at this stage to identify activities within sections 2 and 28D of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during the biennium to meet the total additional requirement of $55,200. This would represent a charge against the contingency fund and, as such, would require appropriations for the biennium 2006-2007 to be approved by the General Assembly at its sixtieth session.**

Notes

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 32* (A/60/32).